(c) how long it will take for Railways to build such a system;

(d) whether any steps have been taken in this direction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to acquire such capital intensive technology at present.

(c) to (c) Do not arise.

टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों के लिए सांसदों से प्राप्त आवेदन पत्र

1167. **श्री राम गोपाल यादव** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बातने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क)जनवरी सं जुलाई 1995 की अवधि के दौरान सांसदों से टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों के लिए कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ख)जनवरी, 1995 से अब तक सांसदों के कोटे के अलावा उन्हें कुल कितने टेलीफोन कनैक्शन जारी किए गए हैं?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (**श्री सुखराम**) : (क) और (ख) अपेक्षित सूचना एकत्र की जा रही हैं और सदन-पटल पर रख जाएगी।

Productivity of Forests by Quality Seeds

1168. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a plan to increase the productivity of forests by quality seeds;

(b) the criteria to be adopted for making the quality seeds available to user agencies; and

(c) the details of the plan thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) has been entrusted the responsibility of development and certification of quality seeds. This work is being done through eight institutes/centres of Indian Council of Forestry "Research and Education located in various parts of the country. Central Government is also giving 100% financial assistance to State Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Seed Development.'

(b) and (c) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education has developed seed testing rules for 59 forest tree species as per the guidelines of International Seed Testing Agency. Silviculture Division of Forest Research Institute has been arranging seeds for meeting specific requirements of Forest Departments, NGO's, farmers etc.

Extinction of Teak and Sal Trees

1169. SHRI SHIV PRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where teak and sal (shorea) trees are found;

(b) what was the state-wise income earned by Government from these trees during the year 1994-95;

(c) what is the number of instances of illegal felling of these valuable trees detected during the last three years and the value of such wood; and

(d) what is the state-wise area of land where plantation of teak and sal trees had taken place during the last three years indicating the details of trees separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Teak in naturally occuring in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Bihar, Maharashtra, North-Eastern States and 'the Southern States of India. Sal grows

naturally in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and to a limited extent in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected from the States/UTs and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Oil reserves in the country

1170. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated extractable oil reserves in our country;

(b) in which blocks/areas/states, these reserves are located;

(c) when and by which agency/ agencies, Government and/or private sector, the last survey in this connection was conducted and with what results;

(d) whether it is an on-going process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Reserves of hydrocarbons of ONGC & OIL are estimated inhouse on 1st April & 1st January of each year respectively. Balance Recoverable Reserve of oil of ONGC and OIL as on 1.4.94 and 1.1.95 were 663.49 MMt and 60.53 Mt respectively. The reserves of ONGC as on 1.4.95 are under submission to the Board of Directors for approval.

These oil reserves are located in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu and in the offshore areas of West Coast & East Coast.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Based on the results/leads obtained from exploratory efforts, the reserves are reviewed & updated every year. The finalised estimates are then put up to the Board of Directors of respective companies for approval.

पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों पर अधिभार

1171. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** :

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क)क्या यह सच हैं कि सरकार द्वारा देश में पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों पर अधिभार के रूप में अतिरिक्त राशि वसूल की जा रही हैं;

(ख)यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान इस मद के अंतर्गत कितनी राशि वसूल की जा रही हैं;

(ग)अप्रैल, 1995 में इस कोष में कुल कितनी राशि एकत्र थी;

(घ)क्या सरकार ने इस कोष से राशि व्यय करने के लिए कोई नीति भी तय की हैं; और

(ड.)यदि हां, तो उपरोक्त वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष में कितनी-कितनी राशि किस-किस मद पर व्यय की गई?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (**कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा**) : (क) से (ड.) ओ0सी0आर0सी0 द्वारा अनुशसित वर्तमान मूल्य निर्धारण व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों की भण्डारण स्थल पर अधिकतम बिक्री मूल्य पद्धति में सी एण्ड एफ अधिभार और माल भाड़ा अधिभार सम्मिलित हैं। उपर्युक्त के अतिरिक्त पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों पर कोई अधिभार नहीं हैं।

Central minister's foreign visit

1172. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFARIS be pleased to state:

(a) the names and designations of the Central Ministers who visited abroad during the year 1994 and so far in 1995 at Government expense;